



SEALBEARERS . . . Sister William, CSJ, demonstrates the way diplomas will look for sealbearers of the California Scholarship Federation at Bishop Montgomery High School. Diplomas and transcripts of all students who earn life membership in the organization will carry the official seal of the California Scholarship Federation.

WRITES SECRETARY OF ARMY

Hahn Questions Army's Plans to Open Ft. Ord

Questions have been raised by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn regarding the risks involved in reopening Ft. Ord to basic training and the possible re-occurrence of a meningitis outbreak.

County health officials reported to Hahn that during January and February of 1965 there have been 46 cases of meningitis in Los Angeles County, compared to 17 for those months in 1964, and a previous five-year average of 18 cases for those months.

These statistics indicate California, including Ft. Ord, could face another serious outbreak of meningitis this year, according to health officials.

The re-opening of Ft. Ord was questioned by Hahn in a letter to Secretary of the Army Stephen Ailes. The supervisor also pledged the full support of the Los Angeles County medical authorities in help to research the still basically undetermined causes of the crippling disease.

AS CHAIRMAN of Military and Veterans Affairs for the county, Hahn was among several Los Angeles officials who inspected Ft. Ord last month prior to the Army's announcement that it would reopen the base to basic trainees on April 1.

The fort has been closed last October after 95 recruits undergoing basic training had contracted meningitis and 12 had died.

In his letter to Ailes, Hahn pointed out that he "had no objection to the reactivating of the recruit training program" if a preventive medical program is carried out and further research is conducted regarding the causes, treatment and spread of meningitis.

"I am deeply concerned that there has not been enough medical facts presented to fully assure the citizens that there will not be a meningitis epidemic," Hahn said. "I believe that you should have further investigation made by competent medical officers, and that you should seek advice from local and civilian medical authorities."

THE SUPERVISOR raised

Local Sierra Club Members Plan Meeting

Southwest members of the Sierra Club, Los Angeles, will meet to form a local chapter of the club Wednesday at Malaga Cove School, 385 Via Almar, Palos Verdes Estates, at 8 p.m.

Charles Huestis, financial chairman of the 1963 American Mount Everest Expedition will be the speaker. He will show slides titled "Thumb-nail Sketches of the American Mount Everest Expedition."

Sierra Club, founded by John Muir, is primarily a conservation club. Other activities include hiking, mountaineering, rock climbing, skiing, water and island trips, ice skating, camp trips and natural science excursions. Interested people are invited to attend the meeting.

several points that still present "serious questions" which should be fully answered.

"He said he had discussed these points following the Ft. Ord inspection with medical experts of the Communicable Disease Unit of Los Angeles County General Hospital, which is recognized as one of the most outstanding in the nation.

Participating in the discussions were Dr. Allen Mathies, chief of the unit, Dr. Gerald A. Heidbreder, chief deputy County Health Officer, (both attended the Ft. Ord inspection), and four other specialists in communicable diseases.

THE UNEXPLAINED points include:

• There were almost twice as many meningitis cases at Ft. Ord as at any other fort or training base in the U.S. Army even though the basic training, the drills, diet, physical exercise, and age groups of the recruits are identical at every military establishment in the United States.

• Medical authorities have not developed positive controls for the spread of meningitis.

• Environmental aspects. The history of weather conditions in July, August and September in the Monterey Bay area indicates that cold, damp and foggy weather prevails, and this might influence to some degree the transmission of meningitis.

• There is some indication that the physical training that the young recruit is subjected to is extreme at times and that fatigue occurs which makes the recruit susceptible to become infected, especially during the fifth and sixth week of training. (Should training be lengthened, with controlled rest periods, and some of the exercises re-evaluated.)

• No regular Army personnel stationed at Ft. Ord was affected with meningitis, but just the recruit. It appears that there must have been some emotional-physical characteristics involved to make the recruit more vulnerable to meningitis.

Hahn asked that Secretary Ailes re-evaluate these facts and seek answers before recruit training is started again on April 1.

Although the responsibility and authorization for reactivating Ft. Ord lays strictly within the Defense Department, Hahn pledged the cooperation of county hospital doctors in combating this extremely important health problem.

Los Angeles County has 42 per cent of the population of California and many of the recruits who are sent to Ft. Ord come from Los Angeles County and their parents are concerned about the health standards at Ft. Ord," he stressed.

Hahn also referred to Secretary Ailes a letter from Maj. Gen. F. C. Menecacy, president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. General Menecacy, who accompanied Hahn on the Ft. Ord inspection, states he does not favor the reopening of the fort until points raised by Supervisor Hahn are resolved.

Spartan Speakers Win Third

South High's speech team has won third place honors in the North High Open Speech Tournament. The Spartan team finished behind Excelsior and La Mirada high schools in the two-day tournament.

Individual trophies were won by Barbara Bingham in dramatic interpretation, Alan Denny in extemporaneous speech, and Eric Stratton and Robert Parker in debate.

Superior ratings were awarded to Sally Morrison, Macy Mendelsohn, Cheryl Aston, Sherry Smith, Edward Moss, Lee Pearce, Timothy Chang, Eric Stratton, and Bobby Barrera.

The Spartans have participated in eight major tournaments during the year, according to Mrs. Marsha Bradley. Eleven tournaments are scheduled during the remainder of the year.

'Homework Is a Habit,' Education Group Told

What is the purpose of homework?

This question was posed by a Torrance principal to a panel comprised of a parent, a teacher and a student at a meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee.

Panelists included William Lettunich, teacher; Robert Richardson, parent; and John Williams, student, all of Riviera School. Principal Robert Allen was moderator.

Homework was defined by Lettunich as "the habit of study away from direct supervision." "Homework for its own sake is not of enough value to warrant its use," Lettunich said. "It must be related to the school program and have real meaning for the student."

THE TEACHER pointed out that homework assignments, like classroom assignments, must be within the student's capabilities.

"Torrance Unified School District believes in homework," Allen asserted. Although individual schools are given the opportunity to adjust homework to fit the needs of the local community, certain objectives must be met, he pointed out.

In addition to being geared to the individual pupil's abilities and needs, purposes of homework were defined by Allen as: providing essential practice and needed skills, training good work habits, extending school experience, and helping children learn to budget time.

PARENT, teacher and student agreed that teachers should grade homework. "In life we are evaluated every day," said Richardson. "Therefore students should begin this experience while in school," the parent stated.

As a result of parent interest in homework a committee of parents headed by Richardson met with Allen last year and came up with a written policy concerning homework at Riviera school.

It was agreed by Riviera parents that the parent can best help the student by providing the best physical and emotional environment for the completion of homework. Parents felt that helping students do their homework failed to achieve the purpose for which homework was intended.

THE TEACHER'S role was defined by student panelist Williams as "making sure the student knows just what the assignment is and how it is to be done." "If problems should arise with a student about homework," he said, "the teacher should inform the parent so that the three of them can work it out."

"Homework is a number of things to a number of people," Allen concluded. "It should be a vital factor in a child's life, but not a punishing one. Children need time to play, but there should be time set aside for routine study as well. Decide what your purposes are, and hang on to those."

Orthopaedic Hospital Gets \$6.76 from Circus and Play

Orthopaedic Hospital's drive for \$4 million to build a new Diagnostic and Treatment Center has been increased by another contribution.

The hospital received a check for \$6.76, along with a letter and a photograph. The letter read, in part:

"On Jan. 16 we had a play and circus on our street. Here are some pictures of our circus . . . 35 people attended the circus and play. We had a dog and acrobatic (cq.) act also.

"We earned \$6.76 which we are giving to your Orthopaedic Clinic.

"Many people should get credit for this money, but the people who are listed below are the ones who participated in the circus and play.

"Christy Matthews, Tina (monkey), Kathy Walters, Todd (horse), Jonell Walters, Mack (horse), Dixie (dog), Connie Walters, Denise Bentley, Dustmop (dog), and Duchess (dog)."

Officials of the Orthopaedic Hospital learned that Christy, daughter of Mrs. Fred Richardson, and Tina (monkey), live at 20836 Dalton Ave., Torrance. Kathy, Jonell, and Connie Walters

are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Walters of 20856 Dalton Ave.

Todd and Mack both live at the Walters address. Denise Bentley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Bentley of 20822 S. Dalton Ave.

Home addresses of Dixie, Dustmop, and Duchess are unknown.

Tollefson Graveside Rites Held

Graveside services for Paul Ignacius Tollefson, 48, were conducted by the Inglewood Cemetery Mortuary Monday at Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Mr. Tollefson, who died March 5 at a local hospital, lived at 4654 W. 137th St., Hawthorne. He was born in Minnesota and had lived in the area for the past 18 years. He was employed as a plastic molder.

He is survived by his mother, Anna Tollefson; two brothers, Clarence and Oliver, and by a sister, Cora Tollefson.



YOUTHFUL PROBLEMS . . . Charlie, portrayed by Duane Lyons (left), tries to get Jane, played by Lucille Grooms, to help him persuade his girl friend to go out in this scene from "Juvie," a one-act play written by Kathy McDonald. Meanwhile, Lynn Batenz, who plays David, tries to tell Jane about some of his problems. Three one-act plays were presented Friday evening at Torrance High during the 14th annual One-Act Festival.

Marina Savings Will Open Fifth Office in Southwest

The Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington, D. C., has approved the application of Marina Federal Savings and Loan Association for a new branch office to be located in Marina del Rey.

The new branch is scheduled to open in July, according to Russell C. Chase, president and chairman of the board.

Temporary facilities will be used until a permanent building is constructed in the Marina del Rey area. Chase said.

Doctor's Zone Case Approved

A zone exception which will permit construction of a doctor's office in an R-1 zone has been approved by the Regional Planning Commission.

The office will be located at 21731 S. Santa Fe Ave. in the Dominguez Area.

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Marina Federal Savings now operates four branches in the Southwestern area of the county. Home offices are located in Westchester with branch offices in Lawndale, Torrance, and La Tijera.

Boy Scouts Set Annual Campout

Boy Scout Troop 948 will hold the troop's annual family campout March 27 and 28 at Lake Cachuma.

The troop spent two days at Westfork in February. Fred West is the Scoutmaster of the troop which meets at El Nido Park.

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